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SUBJECT:PRESS SUMMARY - MARCH 1

1. NYT (PAGE 1) JOHN FINNEY REPORTS ON STUDY SPONSORED BY PRIVATE ARMS CONTROL GROUPS WHICH REPORTS WORLD'S SPENDING ON ARMS IS AT RECORD LEVEL WITH ANNUAL OUTLAY AT \$300 BILLION OF WHICH U.S. AND SOVIET ACCOUNT FOR 60.

2. NYT (PAGE 3) CHRISTOPHER WREN FROM LENINGRAD SAYS WHILE RELIGIOUS CONVICTION MAY HAVE DECLINED IN SOVIET UNION, THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT GOOD ATHEISTS ARE NOT SO EASILY BRED.

3. NYT (PAGE 9) BRIEF REUTERS ITEM FROM MOSCOW REPORTS OVER 80 PRISONERS IN SOVIET REPORTED ON HUNGER STRIKE DURING PARTY CONGRESS TO DEMAND BETTER CONDITIONS AND END REPRESSION OF DISSIDENTS. ALSO WP.

4. NYT (PAGE 12) REPORTS NORMAN J. REES, FORMER ENGINEER
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FOR MOBIL OIL WHO REPORTEDLY SOLD OIL INDUSTRY INFORMATION

TO SOVIETS AND THEN BECAME DOUBLE AGENT FOR THE FBI DIED FEBRUARY 29 AT HIS HOME IN SOUTHBURG, CONN. FROM SELF-INFLICTED GUNSHOT WOUND IN THE HEAD. HE ADMITTED ACCEPTING MONEY FOR TECHNICAL INFORMATION HE GAVE TO SOVIET

INTELLIGENCE FROM WWII THROUGH THE 1970'S AND ACTED AS DOUBLE AGENT FOR FBI FROM 1971 TO 1975. HIS MOST SIGNIFICANT INDUSTRIAL ESPIONAGE ACT OCCURRED IN 1950 WHEN HE PASSED ALONG A MOBIL DESIGN FOR A NEWLY DEVELOPED CONVERTER THAT INCREASES THE PERCENTAGE OF GASOLINE THAT CAN BE DERIVED FROM CRUDE OIL. THE DALLAS TIMES HERALD, WHICH BROKE THE STORY, SAID IT HAD INTERVIEWED REES SEVERAL TIMES IN THE PAST MONTH. ALSO WP, SUN, WSJ AND STAR.

5. SUN (PAGE 1) FREDERIC HILL FROM PARIS SAYS COMMUNIST PARTIES IN WESTERN EUROPE ARE IN THE UNFAMILIAR POSITION OF BEING MORE DISTRUSTED BY THE KREMLIN THAN EVER BEFORE BUT MORE POLITICALLY SUCCESSFUL THAN AT ANY TIME SINCE WWII RECONSTRUCTION DAYS.

6. SUN (PAGE 2) FROM MOSCOW SAYS FOR NEARLY TWO YEARS EUROPE'S COMMUNISTS, EAST AND WEST, HAVE TALKED ABOUT GETTING TOGETHER FOR A SUMMIT AND NOW THAT THEY ARE GATHERED IN MOSCOW THEY'VE STOP TALKING ABOUT IT.

7. SUN (PAGE 6) REPORTS NAVY SECRETARY MIDDENDORF IN LECTURE SAID A FEELING OF EUPHORIA ABOUT DETENTE WITH THE SOVIETS HAS LED WESTERN NATIONS TO WEAKEN THEIR DEFENSE CAPABILITIES ADDING THAT RUSSIANS SPEND 42 PER CENT MORE ON DEFENSE THAN DOES THE U.S.

8. SUN (OP-ED PAGE) "DETENTE: A CONCEPT IN DISPUTE" SAYS AMERICANS INTERPRET DETENTE IN TERMS OF GENERAL INTERNATIONAL BEHAVIOUR WHILE THE RUSSIANS SEEK TO LIMIT IT TO NARROW BILATERAL RELATIONS.

9. WSJ (PAGE 1) REPORTS ON ECE STUDY WHICH SHOWS RELATIVE ECONOMIC MIGHT OF TWO IDEOLOGICAL CAMPS IN EUROPE IN PROCESS OF REVERSING AS MARKET ECONOMIES OF UNCLASSIFIED

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WEST WILL DECLINE TO 45 OF TOTAL OUTPUT BY 1990 FROM 55 IN 1970 WHILE, IT ESTIMATES, COMMUNIST SECTOR WILL MOVE UP TO 55 FROM 45.

10. STAR (PAGE 2) AROUND WORLD ITEM SAYS PARTY CONGRESS OKS FIVE YEAR PLAN. INGERSOLL

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